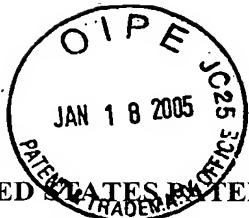


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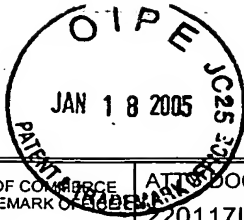
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1 JP 59-47769 (U)	Japan	March 29, 1984	A switch is provided for validating the operation of a lever.	No

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1 JP 10-38064 (A)	Japan	February 13, 1998	An electrically-operated actuator driven by means of an electric power generated by an engine is used as an actuator for operating a transmission.	Yes
2 JP 1-117926(U)	Japan	August 9, 1989	A drive section moves a transmission member to given positions. A transmission select switch is provided for actuating the drive section. The select switch is shifted from one shift position to another shift position through a neutral	No